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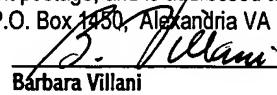
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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/JP2003/010511</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>20 August 2003</b>	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/517170</b>
PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>27 August 2002</b>		
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>PRODUCTION METHOD AND PRODUCTION SYSTEM FOR HOT ROLLED STRIP</b>		
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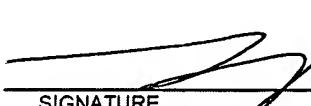
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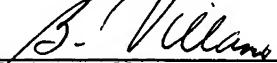
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